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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I use a competitive ISP because my local telco (AT&T) is unresponsive and offers incredibly poor service. The same is true with my local cable provider, which shows that a two-player monopoly doesn't work.

Allowing the owners of the wire infrastructure to squeeze out alternative providers is anticompetitive, and will make prices skyrocket.

I, like many other Americans, use internet access to enable my career. I work from home as a developer, and "telecommute" to a home office across the country from where I live. Many of my peers work for companies without any single central office, and the trend is growing.

Changing the regulations to allow the incumbent wire owners to squeeze out alternative ISPs will lower competition. In addition, it will accelerate the trend of our incumbents refusing to invest in that very infrastructure from which they extract rent. In short, everyone will lose.

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